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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,4-6,9-13,16,17,19,20,22-24 and 26-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 2,4-6,9-13,16,17,19,20,22-24 and 26-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/19/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments filed 6/4/2007 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 4-6, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verna (U.S. 6,681,398 B1).

Regarding claim 26, Verna discloses a portable wireless handheld device (220 – figure 1) to be used at an event by a user while watching the event live, the portable wireless handheld device (see col. 2, lines 17-20; col. 13, lines 48-51; col. 1, lines 61-63; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47) comprising: a receiver (215 – see figure 1) to receive video content transmitted wirelessly to the receiver, the video content being generated by a plurality of cameras located at the event, the video content relating to the event (col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 11, lines 19-58; col. 14, lines 3-15);

a user interface (within 220 – figure 1) having inputs to permit a user to select the video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (see col. 19, lines 18-21 and 24-27; col. 4, lines 40-44);

a processor (within 216 – figure 1) selectively operated by a user to select video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (col. 17, lines 24-32; col. 18, lines 57-63; col. 4, lines 40-44);

a display (210 – figure 1) to display video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras selected by the user, wherein the receiver is configured to receive the video content while at the event and where the event is occurring, thereby permitting the user to carry the portable wireless handheld device about the event and choose where to view the video content selected by the user while roaming at the event during the event (the user attending the sporting event may not only see game in real time, but also play game on the device 220 at the sporting event - col. 16, lines 59-63; col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47; col. 1, lines 61-63); and

a memory (212 – figure 1) component to store at least a portion of the video content. (see col. 15, lines 25-54; col. 13, lines 14-17).

In this embodiment, Verna does not explicitly disclose that the portion of the video content to be saved in the memory component 212 is selected and entered by the user via the manipulator means 216. However, in another preferred embodiment, Verna's reviewing system 220 comprises selection means for enabling the user to select which of the available signal segment will be transmitted from the selection system 140 to the reviewing system 220 (for storing in the reviewing system 220), wherein the selection means comprises a selection device, such as button, dial, pointer other means for selecting an item from a menu or listing. See col. 19, lines 7-27. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify one embodiment of the Verna's system by including selection means for enabling a user to select the signal segment to be transmitted from the selection system to the reviewing system for storing in the reviewing system via selection device

as disclosed by Verna in alternative embodiment in order to efficiently provide the user the desired content as he/she selected from the menu or listing.

Regarding claim 27, Verna further discloses that the user interface permits the user to selectively store single individual images, to be reviewed again and again on the display as desired by the user (see col. 19, lines 18-21; col. 15, lines 24-28; col. 17, lines 24-32; col. 18, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 2, Verna discloses that the receiver is configured to receive and provide for viewing and listening audiovisual signals on video screen and audio speaker relating to the event (see col. 17, lines 24-33). Verna does not explicitly disclose providing event content for listening based upon at least one of the audio signals by a user. Official Notice is taken that providing audio content at a sporting event selected by a user for listening such as participant communications during a car race is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Verna by providing audio content at a sporting event selected by a user for listening such as participant communications during a car race in order to selectively provide voices or communications of a desired team during the race.

Regarding claim 4, Verna further discloses that the video content comprises non-event related video content (e.g., promotion material – see col. 4, lines 58-61).

Regarding claim 5, Verna further discloses that the memory component is controlled by the user interface to access and replay stored event related video content on the display, thereby permitting the user to review again and again, as desired, the stored video content independent of new live video content received by the receiver (see col. 13, lines 14-17; col. 15, lines 25-39; col. 17, lines 25-28; and col. 18, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 6, Verna discloses storing the content in the memory 212 of device 220 (see col. 15, lines 25-29). In a preferred embodiment, Verna further discloses transferring signal stored in the memory 212 to a recording device external to reviewing system 220, including a VCR tape, a computer device, or other recording means (see col. 15, lines 59-65). Verna does not explicitly disclose the memory is removable memory configured to allow for downloading of the stored content to an external device. Official Notice is taken that storing data on a removable memory such as flash memory and download the stored data to a computer is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Verna by storing data on a removable memory such as flash memory and download the stored data to an external device such as a computer in order to provide a convenient and easy way to transfer the stored data between the devices.

Regarding claim 16, Verna further discloses that the receiver is configured to receive the video and audio signals on a plurality of frequencies (see col. 11, lines 36-45; col. 14, lines 8-11).

Regarding claim 17, Verna further discloses that the receiver is configured to receive the video and audio signals using a plurality of transmission protocols (see col. 14, lines 61-67).

Regarding claim 19, Verna further discloses that the receiver is configured to receive the video and audio signals only when authorized based upon a unique code associated with a portable device (the device 220 comprises an address decoder for only decoding addressed signals – see col. 14, lines 36-41).

Regarding claim 20, Verna further discloses that the display is configured for viewing by a user when engaged with the user's face (for example, the video screen may comprises an eyepiece, such as glasses goggles or binoculars – see col. 16, lines 65-67).

5. Claims 9-13, 22-24, and 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verna (US 6,681,398 B1) in view of Havey et al. (US 6,597,346 B1).

Regarding claims 9-13 and 28-30, Verna discloses that the portable wireless handheld device 220 comprising video screen having an eyepiece such as binoculars (see col. 16, line 65 to col. 17, line 1). Verna does not explicitly disclose the device 220 comprising an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of operation, and a plurality of modes of operation such as video viewer mode, binocular mode, a digital camera mode and a camcorder mode. However, Havey discloses a portable handheld device having an optics system for providing magnified view, and a plurality of modes of operation including video view mode, binocular mode, digital camera mode, and video camera mode (see col. 7, lines 30-37 and 61-67; col. 8, lines 5-12 and 25-28; col. 4, lines 5-8 and figure 8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Verna by including an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of operation, and a plurality of modes of operation such as video viewer mode, binocular mode, a digital camera mode and a camcorder mode as taught by Havey in order to effectively provide user the various features of displaying the video and the immediate surroundings and capturing the video/images within a single portable device.

Regarding claim 31, Verna discloses a portable wireless handheld device (220 – figure 1) to be used at an event by a user while watching the event live, the portable wireless handheld device (see col. 2, lines 17-20; col. 13, lines 48-51; col. 1, lines 61-63; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47) comprising: a receiver (215 – see figure 1) to receive video content transmitted wirelessly to the receiver, the video content being generated by a plurality of cameras located at the event, the video content relating to the event (col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 11, lines 19-58; col. 14, lines 3-15);

a user interface (within 220 – figure 1) having inputs to permit a user to select the video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (see col. 19, lines 18-21 and 24-27; col. 4, lines 40-44);

a processor (within 216 – figure 1) selectively operated by a user to select video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (col. 17, lines 24-32; col. 18, lines 57-63; col. 4, lines 40-44); and

a display (210 – figure 1) to display video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras selected by the user, wherein the receiver is configured to receive the video content while at the event and where the event is occurring, thereby permitting the user to carry the portable wireless handheld device about the event and choose where to view the video content selected by the user while roaming at the event during the event (the user attending the sporting event may not only see game in real time, but also play game on the device 220 at the sporting event - col. 16, lines 59-63; col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47; col. 1, lines 61-63).

Regarding further claims 31 and 24, Verna further discloses that the portable wireless handheld device 220 comprising video screen having an eyepiece such as binoculars (see col. 16, line 65 to col. 17, line 1). Verna does not explicitly teach the device 220 comprising an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of operation. However, Havey discloses a portable handheld device having an optics system for providing magnified view (see col. 7, lines 30-37 and 61-67; col. 8, lines 25-28; col. 4, lines 5-8 and figure 8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Verna by including an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of operation as taught by Havey in order effectively provide the magnified view of user's immediate surroundings.

Regarding claim 32, Verna discloses a portable wireless handheld device (220 – figure 1) to be used at an event by a user while watching the event live, the portable wireless handheld device (see col. 2, lines 17-20; col. 13, lines 48-51; col. 1, lines 61-63; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47) comprising: a receiver (215 – see figure 1) to receive video content transmitted wirelessly to the receiver, the video content being generated by a plurality of cameras located at the event, the video content relating to the event (col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 11, lines 19-58; col. 14, lines 3-15);

a user interface (within 220 – figure 1) having inputs to permit a user to select the video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (see col. 19, lines 18-21 and 24-27; col. 4, lines 40-44);

a processor (within 216 – figure 1) selectively operated by a user to select video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras (col. 17, lines 24-32; col. 18, lines 57-63; col. 4, lines 40-44); and

a display (210 – figure 1) to display video content from at least one of the plurality of cameras selected by the user, wherein the receiver is configured to receive the video content while at the event and where the event is occurring, thereby permitting the user to carry the portable wireless handheld device about the event and choose where to view the video content selected by the user while roaming at the event during the event (the user attending the sporting event may not only see game in real time, but also play game on the device 220 at the sporting event - col. 16, lines 59-63; col. 4, lines 40-44; col. 3, lines 60-61; col. 5, lines 40-47; col. 1, lines 61-63).

Verna discloses that the portable wireless handheld device 220 comprising video screen having an eyepiece such as binoculars (see col. 16, line 65 to col. 17, line 1). Verna does not explicitly disclose the device 220 comprising an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of

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operation, and a plurality of modes of operation such as video viewer mode, binocular mode, a digital camera mode and a camcorder mode. However, Havey discloses a portable handheld device having an optics system for providing magnified view, and a plurality of modes of operation including video view mode, binocular mode, digital camera mode, and video camera mode (see col. 7, lines 30-37 and 61-67; col. 8, lines 5-12 and 25-28; col. 4, lines 5-8 and figure 8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Verna by including an optics system configured to provide magnified mode of operation, and a plurality of modes of operation such as video viewer mode, binocular mode, a digital camera mode and a camcorder mode as taught by Havey in order to effectively provide user the various features of displaying the video and the immediate surroundings and capturing the video/images within a single portable device.

Regarding claim 22, Verna further discloses that the processor is configured to provide conditional access to the event content based upon a unique code (the device 220 comprises an address decoder for only decoding addressed signals – see col. 14, lines 36-41).

Regarding claim 23, Verna further discloses a user input selectively operable by a user to control the images and sounds provided to the display and audio system (see col. 17, lines 24-33; col. 19, lines 18-31).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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